

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 6 is amended. No new matter is added by this amendment. Claim 5 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained in these claims. Reconsideration of the application based upon the above amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 5, states that claims 1-4 and 7-9 are allowed. Applicant appreciates this indication of allowance.

The Office Action, in paragraph 1, rejects claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The cancellation of claim 5 renders this rejection moot.

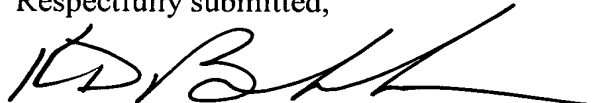
The Office Action, in paragraph 3, rejects claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 6 has been amended to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully requested.

In amending claim 6, and thereby obviating the rejection of claim 6, this application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-9 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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